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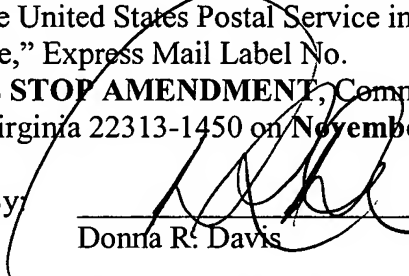
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Yusuf, S.
 SERIAL NO.: 10/783,615 GROUP: 1614
 FILED: February 20, 2004 EXAMINER: Weddington, K.
 FOR: METHOD OF REDUCING TYPE 2 DIABETES IN
 HIGH RISK PATIENTS

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit herewith the following response to the Office Communication dated October 26, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the five groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden.

Additionally, significant expense and time would be saved if the five groups (i.e., all pending claims) were searched and examined at this time.

Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method of reducing diabetes in a patient who is at risk for developing diabetes by administering an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, classified in class 514, subclasses 423 and 866 as that Group is defined in the Office Communication.

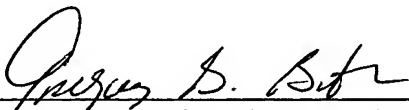
The election of Group I is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Applicants further respectfully request that rejoinder of the five groups be considered by the Examiner following the search.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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